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TITLE/SIGNIFICANCE:

New Soviet Self-propelled Heavy Mortar (240mm SP Mortar M-1977)

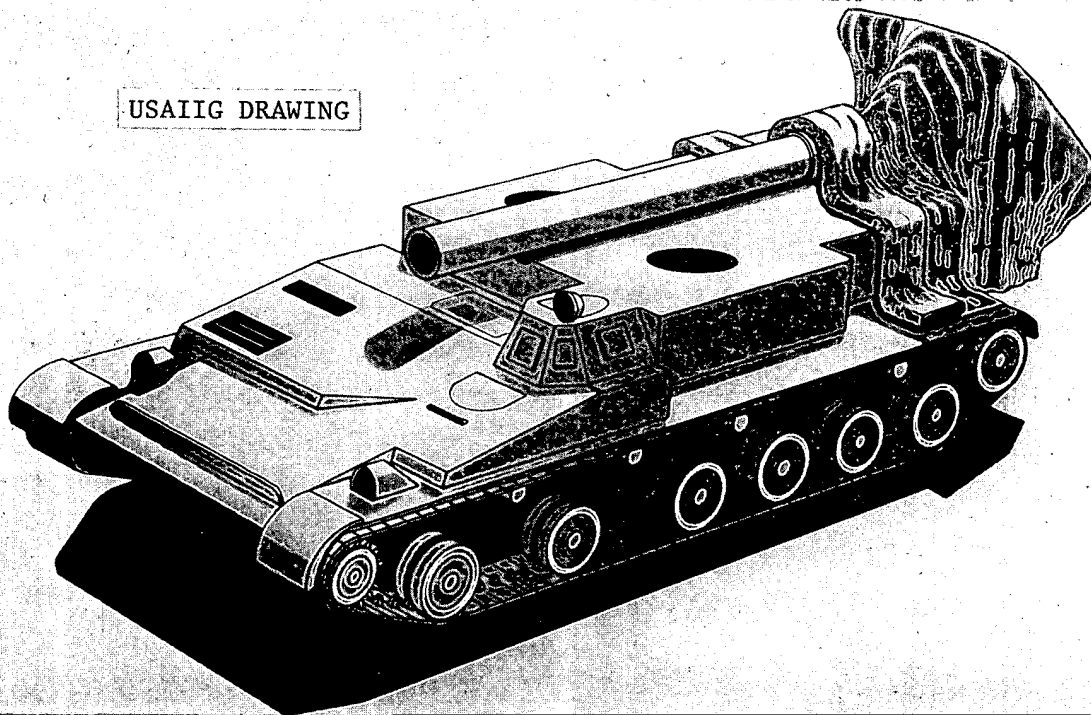
COMMENT:

The new self-propelled (SP) heavy mortar is deployed at two of the nine Soviet heavy artillery brigades. The new SP mortar consists of a probable 240mm mortar mounted on a modified GANEF chassis. The mortar tube and base plate have an overall

The tube The mort tube is elevated and traversed by two vertical cylinders, one on each side, probably located on the bottom rear of the chassis. When in firing battery, the mortar is placed on the ground behind the chassis. When loading the mortar, the tube is separated from the base plate and elevated to the horizontal position with the breech aligned with a possible ammo loading tray, on top of the chassis.

The new SP heavy mortar is replacing the old towed 240mm mortar. It is deployed in six batteries each containing four SP heavy mortars, an ACRV M-1974 armored command vehicle, and support vehicles. The associated production and development test facilities are unknown. (See reverse side)

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